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Note by the Secretary-General

The present note by the Secretary-General contains the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 for subprogramme 6, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs. The Commission is invited to review the plan and provide its comments thereon. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, at which the Assembly will consider the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013.

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Subprogramme 6

Population

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the international community's capacity to effectively address current and emerging population issues and to integrate the population dimensions into the development agenda at the national and international levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effectively facilitate review by Member States of progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the outcome of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly and the outcomes of the United Nations conferences and summits in the social and economic fields related to population and development, including the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit	(a) Improved quality of support and servicing for the Commission on Population and Development, including the provision of timely, relevant, technically sound and policy-oriented documentation for its work
(b) Enhanced awareness in the international community of new and emerging population issues and increased knowledge and understanding, particularly in the areas of fertility, mortality, migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing and population and the environment	(b) Increased interaction of the subprogramme with the other key stakeholders in the area of population
(c) Improved accessibility and timeliness of population information and data for use by Member States, the United Nations system, civil society and academia	(c) Increased demand for population publications or digital information products

Strategy

The Population Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The objective will be achieved by:

(a) Providing substantive support to United Nations bodies, especially the Commission on Population and Development, and assessing progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) Facilitating the discussion of key or emerging population issues by experts or Government representatives;

(c) Preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and population trends relating to fertility, mortality, international and internal migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population prospects, population policy and population in relation to development;

(d) Disseminating population information and policy-relevant findings in the area of population, in particular through the Population Division websites;

(e) Building capacity to address population issues at the national level through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software.